



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No.: MBHB 01-1735-B (400.140))

In re the Application of:)
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Lockridge *et al.*)
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Serial No.: 10/726,236) Group Art Unit: 1635
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Filed: December 2, 2003) Examiner: Gibbs, Terra C
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For: Nucleic acid-based modulation of gene) Confirmation No. 4026
expression in the Vascular Endothelial)
Growth Factor pathway)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 20, 2006

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following response to the Office Action mailed on March 20, 2006. A Petition for a three (3) month extension of time and fee are included herewith. Accordingly a response is timely filed on or before September 20, 2006. No additional fees are thought to be presently due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.